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Brian Hainer feeds some of the pigs he raises for meat at his East Haddam farm, where he is offering to lease acreage through the Department of Agriculture's FarmLink database and website.

FARMLINK PROGRAM MATCHES FARMLAND OWNERS, SEEKERS THROUGH INTERACTIVE DATABASE, WEBSITE

By Steve Jensen, Office of Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky

Farmers seeking land and farmland owners looking to sell or lease acreage to farmers can connect through the recently-enhanced Connecticut FarmLink database and website run by the Department of Agriculture.

The website, www.ctfarmlink.org, serves as a clearinghouse where landowners post descriptions and details of their farm for sale or lease, and those seeking land post information on what they desire.

The agriculture department's Resource Preservation staff recently created an updated website that includes a detailed property listing, interactive property map and resource center.

There are currently more than 50 active Farm Owners and nearly 80 Seekers in the FarmLink database. The website also includes links to a variety of other resources to help new farmers get started and for current farmers to plan for the future stewardship of their land.

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said the main goal of the program is to keep farmland in production by assisting in the transition between generations of farmers, and by giving newer farmers an outlet to find acreage.

"There is a growing number of new and beginning farmers eager to become stewards of the land, but they need land to work and a

way to find it," he said. "As demand grows for local food and other agricultural products, this program can help sustain and expand Connecticut's vibrant agricultural economy by providing the tools necessary for farmers and farmland owners to connect."

Farm owners and seekers must register by completing an application, available on the website, that includes owners' descriptions of their farm and, for seekers, the desired farmland, equipment, housing or other needs.

The agriculture department's Farmland Preservation office automatically receives an email with the application upon submission. Print copies of the application are also available.

Listings are updated regularly on the site, which also includes an interactive property map showing all available FarmLink properties.

Seekers and owners who want more information about a specific property can contact Farmland Preservation staff at 860-713-2511 or sandra.karanian@ct.gov.

Brian and Maria Hainer listed their 31-acre BriMars farm in East Haddam on FarmLink with an eye toward leasing acreage to starting farmers, or allowing use of a portion of their land in exchange for other services or labor. The couple bought the long--

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PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	LOW	HIGH
breakers 75-80% lean	95.00	105.00
boners 80-85% lean	94.00	101.00
lean 88-90% lean	88.00	97.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	148.00	155.00
Ch2-3	142.00	152.00
Sel1-3	138.00	146.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	134.00	143.50
Ch2-3	129.00	138.00
Sel1-2	123.00	134.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm3-4	146.00	151.00
Ch2-3	140.00	148.00
Sel1-2	138.00	142.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA

CALVES	graded bull		
No 1 120-125 lbs	450.00	475.00	
No 1 100-115 lbs	475.00	525.00	
No 1 65-95 lbs	550.00	575.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS:	Wooled & Shorn Choice and		
Prime 2-3			
60-70 lbs	250.00	250.00	
70-80 lbs	224.00	235.00	
90-100 lbs	184.00	204.00	
110-130 lbs	166.00	170.00	
SLAUGHTER EWES:	Good 2-3		
130-150 lbs	112.00	112.00	
160-200 lbs	96.00	100.00	
BUCKS			
120-160 lbs	114.00	132.00	
200-300 lbs	67.00	106.00	
SLAUGHTER GOATS:	Sel.1, by head, est.		
40-50 lbs	187.00	205.00	
50-60 lbs	215.00	240.00	
60-80 lbs	200.00	230.00	
Nannies/Does:			
80-130 lbs	150.00	185.00	
130-180 lbs	180.00	215.00	
Bucks/Billies:			
150-250 lbs	285.00	335.00	

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

All prices per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	61.00	65.00
	300-350 lbs	59.00	62.00
	350-400 lbs	47.00	48.00
48-52	250-300 lbs	53.00	55.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	400-800 lbs	39.50	43.50
Boars	250-300 lbs	35.00	36.00
	350-400 lbs	18.00	22.00
	400-450 lbs	14.00	15.00
	500-650 lbs	7.00	8.00

ORGANIC BROWN SHELL EGGS

wholesale, per carton

Ex Large			
Dozen	2.61	3.60	
1/2 Dozen	1.80	1.95	
Large			
Dozen	2.30	3.50	
1/2 Dozen	1.71	1.90	

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4OZ	16.00	16.50
APPLES, EARLY MAC, BU	22.00	24.00
APPLES, GINGER GOLD, 20 LB	14.00	15.00
APPLES, GINGER GOLD, BU	25.00	26.00
APPLES, PAULA RED, BU	22.00	24.00
APPLES, PAULA RED, XFCY, BU	25.00	28.00
BEANS, GREEN, HND PKD, BU	15.00	20.00
BEANS, FLAT GREEN, BU	25.00	26.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEANS, WAX, BU	22.00	25.00
BEETS, GOLDEN, 25 LB LOOSE	22.00	22.00
BEETS, RED, BNCHD, 12	18.00	18.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12-1PT, WRAP	36.00	36.00
BLUEBERRIES, WILD, 12-1PT	60.00	60.00
BROCCOLI, BNCHD, 14	15.00	16.00
BROCCOLI, CRN CUT, 20 LBS	14.00	18.00
CABBAGE, GRN, MED/LG 50LBS	10.00	12.00
CABBAGE, RED, MED, 50 LBS	12.00	15.00
CARROTS, JUMBO, 25LB, LOOSE	13.00	14.00
CAULIFLOWER, WHITE, 9	13.00	13.00
CANTALOUPE, 5-6	15.00	15.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4 -1 GAL	21.00	21.00
CORN, 5 DOZ	12.00	16.00
CUCUMBERS, MED, 1-1/9	16.00	20.00
CUCUMBERS, SS, 1-1/9	20.00	22.00
CUKES, PICKLING, 1/2 BU	15.00	15.00
CUKES, PICKLING, S-M, 1-1/9 BU	22.00	24.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9 BU	15.00	18.00
KALE, 12 CT	12.00	13.00
LETTUCE, GREEN LEAF, 24	30.00	30.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, 24	30.00	30.00
LETTUCE, HYDROPONIC, 12 CT	15.00	15.00
PEACHES, 2-1/2" MIN, 25 LB	20.00	25.00
PEPPERS, BELL, GRN, 1-1/9	15.00	18.00
PEPPERS, CHERRYHOTS, 1/2BU	11.00	15.00
PEPPERS, JALAPENO, 1/2 BU	11.00	15.00
PEPPERS, LONG HOTS, 1/2 BU	11.00	12.00
PEPPERS, FRYERS, 1-1/9	15.00	18.00
POTATOES, BLUE, US#1, 50 LB	30.00	30.00
POTATO, RNDWHT, SZ B, 50LB	12.00	12.00
POTATO, RNDWHT, SZ A, 10-5LB	14.00	14.00
POTATOES, CHEF, 50LBS	11.00	11.00
POTATO, YELLOW, SZ A, 50 LB	15.00	15.00
RHUBARB, OPEN FIELD, 20LB	36.00	36.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9	26.00	28.00
SQUASH, GLDN ZUCH, 1/2 BU	12.00	15.00
SQUASH, GREY, 1/2 BU	12.00	25.00
SQUASH, YEL/GRN, 1/2 BU	8.00	15.00
TOMATO, RED CHERRY, 12-1PT	20.00	20.00
TOMS, SNNGLDCHRRY, 12-1PT	20.00	20.00
TOMATOES, GRAPE 12-1PT	20.00	20.00
TOMATOES, MD-LGE, 8 QT	18.00	20.00
TOMATOES, LGE, 25 LBS	18.00	20.00
TOMATOES, HEIRLOOM, 10LB	18.00	28.00
TOMATOES, ROMA, 25 LBS	15.00	20.00
WATERMELON, STRIPED, 3-4	15.00	15.00
SHIPPED IN		
GRAPE, GRN, SDLS, CA, 19LB,	23.00	27.00
MUSHROOMS, SHITAKE, LG, 3LB	14.00	15.00
MUSHROOMS, OYSTER, MD, 3LB	13.00	13.25

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, August 17, 2015

Bob Calves:	LOW	HIGH
45-60 lbs.	125.00	150.00
61-75 lbs.	375.00	380.00
76-90 lbs.	410.00	415.00
91-105 lbs.	420.00	425.00
106 lbs. & up	430.00	435.00
Farm Calves	440.00	445.00
Starter Calves	55.00	65.00
Veal Calves	160.00	240.00
Open Heifers	150.00	160.00
Beef Heifers	117.00	139.00
Feeder Steers	140.00	147.50
Beef Steers	118.00	157.50
Stock Bulls	135.00	177.50
Beef Bulls	105.00	125.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs	n/a	n/a
Sheep	105.00	175.00
Lambs	140.00	150.00
Goats each	100.00	370.00
Kid Goats	90.00	160.00
Canners	up to	105.00
Cutters	106.00	109.00
Utility Grade Cows	110.00	113.00
Rabbits each	4.00	17.00
Chickens each	3.00	47.50
Ducks each	6.00	10.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	2.66	2.85
LARGE	2.60	2.74
MEDIUM	1.98	2.11

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	3.14	3.24
LARGE	3.09	3.19
MEDIUM	2.27	2.37

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION, ATLANTA, GA

Per pound, except where noted.

Banty Hens, each	3.00	3.75
Broilers	1.05	1.15
Chicks, each	.25	1.10
Crossbred Fowl, 5-9 lbs	.60	.75
Ducklings, each	1.00	1.00
Fancy Pigeons	12.00	13.00
Guinea Fowl	1.50	1.75
Guinea Keets, each	.80	1.10
Laying Pullets, each	7.00	8.00
Leghorn Hens, each	1.75	2.50
Muscovy Ducks/Drakes	1.10	2.10
Pigeons, each	4.00	4.10
Pheasants, each	11.00	15.00
Pullets, 4-6 lbs	1.05	1.05
Quail, each	.80	1.50
Red Fowl, 5-6 lbs	.50	.70
Turkey Poults, each	2.50	3.00

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

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4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

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8-R. CT non-GMO grain and corn. Hay and straw. Pleasant View Farms. Louis. 860-803-0675.

65-R. For Sale: Parts for Grimm hay tedders. Also, rough lumber. 860-684-3458.

75-R. Hoop houses sizes from 28-35 wide X 96 long, overhead garage doors. 203-484-9708.

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79-R. Join the Winners Circle. Feed Biozyme SureChamp and ConceptAid products. Burke Ridge Farm. 860-896-0888.

80-R. Try Jug livestock waterers. Energy efficient, maintenance free. Clean, fresh water always. Burke Ridge Farm, consumer and distributor. 860-896-0888.

82-R. Morra Model 530S-T-H rotary hay tedder. Excellent condition. \$4,500.00 o.b.o. Call 860-208-8920.

83-R. N.H. 316 hay baler with belt thrower. Works excellent. \$5,000.00. call 203-651-9197.

84-R. Apple crop in Ledyard, multi varieties, 500 + bushels available. Call 860-608-2933. Fred Allyn Jr.

86-R. 472 New Holland haybine, 7 ft. Call 860-859-1965.

87-R. Wholesale apples and peaches at Wrights Orchard. 860-872-1665.

88. 16 or 17 months old Black Angus and Hereford mixed bull. Tel. 203-264-1185.

WANTED

69-R. Transplant wheel harrow - 8' or 10'. Crop sprayer – 3 pt or pull type. Working condition. 860-537-8890.

85-R. Standing timber wanted. Hardwood/Softwood. Top prices paid. Licensed and insured. 10 acre minimum. 860-798-4039.

89. Agricultural Vendors: The Rotary Club of Stafford CT will be hosting Stafford Rotary Farm Day 2015, on Sept 13, 2015 from 11am-5pm at Heritage Park, Rte 190, Stafford Springs, CT. Agricultural vendors may purchase a space to display and sell their goods. Fee is \$25 plus a raffle item for the Rotary Raffle Table. Call Kelly Brengi 860-614-2642 or visit www.staffordctrotary.org to download application.

90-R. Firewood elevator about 30 foot, in good shape. 860-301-1061.

91. Help Wanted- Greenhouse Manager. Successful, fast-growing hydroponics operation located in Cheshire is currently seeking a qualified individual to join our team on a year round basis. The successful candidate will possess prior greenhouse experience working in a demanding, fast paced environment. This individual will have a strong attention to detail, the ability to prioritize on a daily basis, and management skills necessary to motivate and lead teams of workers on a project basis. In addition, the innate sense of getting plants to grow optimally is essential. Salary is commensurate with experience. If interested, please contact Allyn Brown at allyn@maplelane.com

MISCELLANEOUS

6-R. Farm/Land specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

81-R. Brush/small tree mowing with Excavator mounted mower specializing in Farmland Restoration Programs. Excavators also available. Burke Ridge. 860-559-3009.

77-R. Wanted: Working Orchard Manager and passionate person for family owned orchard in Central Connecticut. We grow apples, pears, peaches and nectarines, for pick-your-own, wholesale and our store. Call for more details. 203-213-8833.

**FARMLINK CONNECTING FARM OWNERS
WITH THOSE SEEKING LAND
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dormant farm – previously owned by the Linko family - a few years ago and have been busy clearing and restoring the property for agricultural use. They now raise beef cattle, pigs and chickens for meat and eggs.

"I've gotten to where I am with my own two hands and a lot of blood, sweat and tears so I'm trying to make it easier for someone else to get started," said Brian, who was previously in the auto-restoration business. "I'm open to anyone who's willing to put the work in."

The Hainer's long-term plan is to build the property into a working replica of an old-fashioned farm, complete with a sawmill and blacksmith shop that would be available for use by farmers as well as attracting tourists.

Brian has already dug and poured the footings for the blacksmith's forge, and secured a giant wood-fired steam engine built in 1927 that will power the enormous circular blade for the sawmill.

"This is going to be a glimpse of an early 1900s working farm," Brian said as he toured the property last week in a 1947 Willys Jeep he has restored. "And when I'm gone it will be here in perpetuity. I don't ever want houses or anything here."

Other examples of current listings on the FarmLink site include:

- **Watertown:** Farm located in the beautiful rolling hills of Litchfield County. It is 73+ acres of undeveloped farmland comprised of pastures and woodland that has been actively farmed. It contains both flat and gently sloping terrain. There are dirt roads for access. Several water sources; 3+ wells, running stream and small pond. Approximately 40+ acres are farmable with the rest being woods and wetlands. There are no buildings.
- **Ashford:** Small acreage (3 acres) available in Ashford with lovely updated 4-5 bedroom furnished 1700s house. Conveniently located on Rte. 44 and within a few miles of several successful farmers' markets. Looking for a short term lease with possible partnership in future. Barn with four padded stalls and 3 partially-fenced fields that could be used for horses, goats, sheep or other livestock and/or organic farm products. A greenhouse is attached to the house and is plumbed, electrified and can be heated but has not been used in years. Live-in possibility for the right person or people.
- **Easton:** Connecticut agritourism business seeking couple or farm family with long range goals. Thirty-acre pick-your-own orchard, strong farm market with bakery, florist and five-acre animal park, well known throughout southern Connecticut and New York City. Applicants should have pomological and business backgrounds, mechanical knowledge, college education and be very people-oriented. Owners will retire in several years and will entertain a long term lease of land, buildings, and equipment to the right entrepreneur. Large farmhouse available.

The FarmLink program is funded exclusively through the Community Investment Act. The agriculture department also works closely with organizations like New England Farmland Finder, Connecticut Farmland Trust, Land for Good, and UConn Extension to promote the FarmLink Program.

AVIAN INFLUENZA SEMINAR SEPT. 9 IN MANCHESTER

A seminar on preparing for the potential of an avian influenza outbreak will be held Wed., Sept. 9 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Central Connecticut Co-op, 10 Apel Place, Manchester.

The seminar is sponsored by the Co-op and UConn's College of Agricultural and Natural Resources Extension. Reservations are required by Sept. 1, and may be made by contacting Rachel Bespuda at 860-649-4523 or RBespuda@cccfeeds.com.

CONNECTICUT FARMLINK

FARMLINK FARMLAND FARM SEEKERS RESOURCES



Oak Ridge Farm, Somers (photo courtesy of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture)

DO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE A PLAN FOR THE FARMLAND YOU OWN?

ARE YOU A FARMER WHO IS LOOKING FOR LAND?



Above: Homepage of the Connecticut FarmLink website and database. Upper right; East Haddam farmer Brian Hainer with a 1927 wood-fired steam engine he plans to use to power a sawmill he is building at rear of photograph below. Hainer is using the FarmLink site to offer some of his 31 acres for lease to other farmers.



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